

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Bridgeport and says: "That is too many."

#### FEMALE GIANT DIES.

Died.—At Ripplingdale, (England) aged 16, Ann Hardy, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Hardy, of that place. This young woman had attained the extraordinary height of seven feet two inches and attracted much attention at Lincolnshire, having, for a considerable time, been publicly exhibited at fairs, etc., as a phenomenon. Her parents are persons of only middling stature.

#### A MURDER.

About 8 o'clock on Monday evening, the 11th instant, John Ward, a young married man, was attacked in Banker street, New York, while on his way home to his family, by a wretch of the name of Patrick Hart, a wood sawyer, who, with a billet of wood, aimed a blow at his head, which brought him to the ground and so fractured his skull that he died before morning.

#### ANOTHER SUIT FOR \$500.

City Sheriff Thomas Kelly to-day served papers on the Fraction company in a suit for \$500 damages. The plaintiff is William O'Brien, whose wagon was run into on the Fairfield road about a month ago by one of the company's cars. Mr. O'Brien was thrown out and injured and the wagon was wrecked. The case is returnable to the October term of the court of Common Pleas.

#### ELECTED A DIRECTOR.

At a recent meeting of the board of Directors of the Connecticut National bank, Samuel Wheeler, president of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine company, was elected a director of the bank.

#### ED MANSFIELD'S ESCAPE.

Edward Mansfield, the painter, of 169 Jane street, went through the largest plate glass window in the city this morning, and escaped with a slight cut on the finger and a bruise on his side, but the injuries were not enough to cause him to stop working. The accident happened at Holbrook & McNamara's shoe store, which is undergoing renovation. In their new front they have the two largest plate glass windows in the city, each 11 feet wide by 10 feet high. Edward Mansfield is doing the painting and graining.

He was standing on a step ladder, graining the woodwork about the window on the south side. The ladder tipped over and sent him spinning through the window. He went through it as neatly as an acrobat, and came down through a paper balloon in a circus ring, but he landed on his side in the wide entrance, the fall making a contused wound on his right chest. Just as Mansfield landed on his side the upper part of the window came down with a crash. Had the painter been underneath the glass as it came down he would have been decapitated. The big light is insured and ten minutes after Mr. Mansfield's injuries were dressed at the Emergency he was back at work. He is 72 years old and says it is the closest call he has ever had.

#### NOTES OF LOCAL IMPORT.

A picketbook containing \$1 and some railroad tickets were stolen from Miss Bertha Conklin at the depot last evening. Miss Conklin did not discover her loss until she was about to pay her fare on a street car. The matter was reported to the police.

Patrick Boyhan of 12 Jones avenue has been appointed to the position of foreman of the switching crew of the Berkshire division, made vacant by the death of his brother, the late Thomas Boyhan.

John Burns, a laborer residing at 155 Pembroke street, fell down his cellar stairs last evening, suffering a fracture of his right shoulder. He was treated at the Emergency.

Thomas Flynn stopped a runaway coal cart on Water street, yesterday afternoon and thus prevented damage which otherwise might have been done.

It was rats and not burglars that operated in Rev. Casper Brunner's residence on Chapel street while the family was absent.

#### EASTON

Mrs. Harry Edwards of Bridgeport has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Edwards of Maple River, N.Y.

Miss Hazel E. Sherwood is now recovering from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Andrews spent Sunday with their daughters, the Misses Lillian and Bertha Andrews, in Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sanford of Redding were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marsh are keeping house in Robert Kent's place on Sport Hill where they will make their future home.

The regular meeting of Easton grange, No. 149, was held on Tuesday evening but as the weather was so very warm there were not many present. Pomona, Miss Martha L. Andrews had charge of the program.

At the next meeting which is "Neighbors Night" the Greenfield and Northfield granges are invited. The committee in charge of the supper are Mrs. Mildred L. Ferris, Mrs. John H. Candee and Mrs. Joseph B. Hill.

**Australian Soldier Is Commended For Fitting Periscopes To Rifles**

Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 18.—Major General Birdwood who commands the Australasian troops engaged at the Dardanelles has lately written a letter to the Governor-General of the Commonwealth, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, in which he says: "Our complete moral superiority over the Turk is partly due to the very clever invention of a periscope attached to our little trench. This man then made a very simple device. The result is the Turk only sees the muzzle of a rifle coming over the parapet without anything behind it to shoot at, and we understand from prisoners that he dislikes this intensely."

In connection with the foregoing, the following extract from the army corps orders is cited by the Commonwealth Minister of Defence: "The Army Corps commander wishes to record his appreciation of the clever invention of a periscope attached to the rifle, the work of Lance Corporal W. C. B. Smith, 2nd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. As so far as is known this invention has not been tried in France, the lieutenant-general commanding has forwarded the idea to Lord Kitchener for consideration."

**THE NUMBER OF SALOONS**

The number of licenses now in force in this city is 308, of which 292 are full liquor licenses. A dealer figures it that for every 35 persons who drink there is now one saloon in

## JAPAN'S PREMIER WANTS PAPERS TO BOOST NATION

"United Japan" Is Object of Campaign That Is Now Being Waged.

Tokio, Sept. 18.—A plea for a United Japan in the present international crisis was issued by Premier Count Okuma yesterday at a reunion of the Japanese press to which the foreign correspondents were likewise invited. More than any statesman in modern Japan Count Okuma sees power in the press. He is constantly taking newspapers and newspapermen into his confidence. That is the way he adopts to reach the people, and Okuma believes above all things that the day has come in Japan when the people must be talked to. He is ever striving to find the pulse of the public.

This was the second time Premier Okuma had spoken to journalists since he decided to remain in office. His object yesterday was to urge support for the new ministry and to emphasize the necessity of sacrifice for the welfare of the nation.

"In Germany," he declared, "we have an example of a nation that has shown her power of national unity." He went on: "Her militarism is undesirable, but the concerted effort of Germany constitutes her strength. Japan is now involved in a great international war, which is affecting the politics and thought of the whole world. Amidst this great struggle, Japan must maintain her position as a power. In order to do this, we must unite our efforts, and we need sound leadership."

The policies of the reconstructed cabinet, the Premier said, would be the same as the old. He was more than ever convinced that its policies were sound and well adapted to the needs of the time. From the very outset it had endeavored to effect reforms in home politics. Unfortunately, as he thought, the manner in which Japanese elections are held is not ideal. This was due to the fact that the representative form of government was still new to the majority of the people.

The Premier continued: "Happily the spread of modern education has improved matters considerably, and the nation is emerging from its old feudal ideas and usages. The struggle for mere political domination is petty. This is what some of the Latin-American countries are doing. For the sake of the common interests of the country, one must be prepared to sacrifice private gains, and unite in concerted action."

Count Okuma said he wished to lay emphasis on the truth that the social factor was more powerful than the political. Its leadership was indispensable in any concerted action. He concluded: "We want the assistance of the press in fulfilling our mission. We welcome straightforward criticism, and if we need our policies are supported by the general public, we cannot and will not remain in office."

The Doshikai party which holds the majority of the governmental offices in the House of Representatives has adopted a resolution pledging its whole-hearted support to the new Okuma Ministry. The resolution was proposed by Baron Kato, the ex-Foreign Minister, who is the leader of the party.

The Seiyukai, or opposition party, has pledged itself to hostility on the ground that the Okuma cabinet should be held responsible for the bribery scandal and for the ground that by the withdrawal of his resignation Count Okuma "has destroyed the fundamental principles of the constitution."

### FEWER BUSINESS FAILURES ARE REPORTED IN ENGLAND

London, Sept. 18.—The report of the inspector general in bankruptcy for the year ended December 31, 1914, states that the number of failures in England and Wales for the year shows a large falling off, being the smallest since the bankruptcy act of 1883 came into operation, the decrease being attributable to the war.

During the first seven months of the year receivership orders were made in 2,167 cases and in the last five months only 800.

While the number of failures has decreased the liabilities of assets have substantially increased and the total estimated loss to creditors is nearly two millions sterling in excess of the loss estimated in the preceding year.

### Production of Coal Is Decreasing In Wales

London, Sept. 18.—During the half year ending June 30 the production of coal in the United Kingdom declined by 12,448,000 tons, or 8.9 per cent., over the corresponding period for last year, according to an official statement by the board of trade. The Northumberland district, where the decline reached 25.2 per cent. has been the district to suffer the worst. In the first half of 1913, the total output was 145,923,000, as against 127,826,000 for the six months just ended. The corresponding period for 1914 gives 140,274,000 tons. As regards bunker coal for the Admiralty and merchant marine, this year shows an increase of 347,000 tons over a year ago.

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## CANADIAN TROOPS AT BATTLE FRONT SHOW NEW TRICKS

Paris, Sept. 18.—"The life of the Canadians at the front takes one back to the tales of the North American Indian which were the delight of our youth," writes Maurice Maeterlinck, the French Academician, who is on a visit to the fighting lines as the guest of the French staff.

"This week," he explains, "I saw the huts of the Canadians, built of birch bark, longwise, exactly like the log cabins which they build for hunting bobs or the log houses they inhabit sometimes in the prairies north of the Great Lakes."

A survival of the old Indian romance is found in the Canadian army. Trappers in khaki were shown men who make use of the thousand tricks of their trade against the enemy. They hunt him with the williness of the old scalp-hunters, toned down by English humanity.

"Following in the wake of Germans crawling across the corn fields, the Canadian manages to creep along without calling a single shot. They remain for hours on the watch, lying on their backs and studying the ground around them by means of a little mirror. Should the Germans, reassured by the long silence over the still fields, venture on, he is pounced upon, bound with rope in a couple of seconds. The other day, after a series of such fruitful exploits, the Canadian scouts threw over into the German trenches a number of little cards, inscribed: 'It is useless for you to send out any more patrols; you have Canadians in front of you.'"

"I know, of course, that among these volunteers there are many modern Canadian business men, professional men, workmen. All are not sons of trappers or backwoodsmen. But it is a fact that they have more initiative, more ingenuity and more open to international trade where the Chinese papers say there would be no objection to Japanese missionary work."

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It is the desire of the two Buddhist leaders to establish a college in Peking and standardize the priests and nuns throughout the country by having the government issue certificates to worthy leaders. By this means they hope to subvert the impositions of unworthy persons who pose as religious leaders.

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Marquis Maeda is a son of the late Viscount Toshitsuki Maeda, former feudal lord of Nanuka-ichi in Kanazawa province, but was adopted into the family of the Lord of Kanazawa. After his graduation from the staff college, he went to Germany for the study of military affairs but at the outbreak of the war between Japan and Germany, he like other Japanese, removed to England. He is a captain in the Japanese army. In England he has been studying the conditions of the war. He had long been desiring to join the British army at the front, but only recently obtained the necessary permission from his family.

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## CHINESE GIVE MISSION RIGHTS TO JAPANESE

Newspapers Say Movement is Practically Political to Extend Japanese Influence.

Peking, Sept. 17.—"China agrees that the Japanese subjects shall have the right of missionary propaganda in China."

This apparently simple statement, which was Article seven of Group five in the recent demands Japan main for permission has created much commotion in China and is the subject of hot discussion in the press.

All of the demands made under Group five were waived temporarily by Japan. Mr. Hiroki, the Japanese Minister, said: "As relates to the question of the right of missionary propaganda, the same shall be taken up again for negotiation in future."

The missionary propaganda referred to in the treaty was the preaching of Buddhism, and the announcement in Chinese papers that Japanese Buddhists will probably soon send delegations to China to press their claim for permission to preach Buddhism to the Chinese is causing uneasiness.

Chinese newspapers frankly say the movement is purely political and that the Japanese hope to send out religious leaders who will extend Japan's influence. There are more than 40 Chinese treaty ports where Japanese missionaries could carry on their work without interference and the papers are pointing out that Japanese Buddhists should first go to these places and demonstrate their good intentions, just as Catholic and Protestant missions have. Furthermore, there are many inland cities open to international trade where the Chinese papers say there would be no objection to Japanese missionary work.

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